

Next Week's Events

Monday 19th October - Pay & Play after school club 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Tuesday 20th October- Pay & Play after school club 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 21st October- Sport after school club until 4.30pm

Thursday 22nd October -Pay and play after school club

Friday 23rd October - PE lesson in the afternoon - please come to school in PE kit

Future Diary Dates

THINGS TO REMEMBER - KS2

Signed reading records Monday

Orange spelling books every day

Reading books every day

Come to school in PE kit on a Friday

Trainers on a Wednesday if doing after school club

THINGS TO REMEMBER - KS1

Come to school in PE kit on a Friday

Trainers on a Wednesday if doing after school club

Heads Up

A Mars a Day....

Mars was at its biggest and brightest earlier in the week as the Red Planet lined up with Earth on the same side of the Sun.

Every 26 months, the pair takes up this arrangement, moving close together, before then diverging again on their separate orbits around our star. Tuesday night saw the actual moment of what astronomers call "opposition". A separation of 62,069,570km, or 38,568,243 miles. That's the narrowest gap now until 2035.



It's around opposition that space probes are launched from Earth to Mars. Obviously - the distance that needs to be travelled is shorter, and the time and energy required to make the journey is less. Three missions are currently in transit, all of which were sent on their way in July: The United Arab Emirates' Hope orbiter; China's Tianwen orbiter and rover; and the Americans' Perseverance rover. Hope, Tianwen and Perseverance are all on course to arrive at Mars in February.

Please send in any pictures/models of rockets or planets we would love to see them!

Remote Learning

As we move forwards through the year we have started to look at how we can best support pupils if we have to enter a second phase of lockdown or have to close a bubble. The Government have requested that by 22nd October all schools have a remote learning plan in place. I would like to ask Parents to download both the Seesaw and Teams apps or explore ways of accessing them through their browsers. Both of these apps will allow pupils to access online learning activities set by Teachers.

During the previous lockdown we used Seesaw extremely well in Class 1 and we will be doing the same next time. The advantage of Teams is that it provides a secure environment for teachers to interact daily with pupils and provide an opportunity for them to have face to face contact. Other methods of communication including phone calls and email will still be available as will paper copies of any tasks set. We started to trial the Teams app with Y5 last night and this was useful in how we will move forwards. Other classes will have the opportunity to do this next week in small groups.



Message from Mrs Cheesbrough

In preparation for a potential school closure in the case of a positive test result, or if an individual child or family need to isolate, we have allocated all children a login for Microsoft TEAMS. Parents can download the app to a mobile device or computer and then children can access video calls in small groups with school staff.

In order to test this before it is needed, we are holding a test event on Monday evening after school. Class teachers will host a group meeting on TEAMS for small groups of children.

Group A will meet at 4.30pm and group B at 4.45pm. This will be a check-in so that parents and teachers are able to practise using the technology and will only require 5-10 minutes of children's time.

Login details will be added to the front of children's reading records today and children will be allocated either group A or group B.

And here's to you, Mrs. Robinson...

I would just like to add my own congratulations to the Governing Body, staff and parents on the successful appointment of Mrs Robinson as the new Headteacher from January. I am looking forward to meeting her and working with her closely to ensure there is a smooth transition process.

Many thanks for your support in keeping our school community safe

Mr Linsley

Spooktacular Competition!

North Yorkshire Catering is excited to announce their very own Pumpkin Carving Competition! They want pupils to (safely!) carve a pumpkin at home – they can be scary or they can be cute – you are the decider in this challenge!

There are some exciting prizes to be won – including an Amazon Fire 7 Tablet with 7” Display and 16GB data for the winner, and runners up prizes of Rapidough Board Game and a Cook Book.

How to enter

Simply email a photo of your carved pumpkin to: helen.buxton@northyorks.gov.uk

Please include your name, age, and school name (plus a name for your pumpkin if you like!).

Deadline: 17:00 on Sunday 1st November 2020

The winner and runners-up will be announced on Monday 9th November 2020 and the winning pumpkins published on NYCC caterers website and social media.

We would love to see your designs in school too. Perhaps we could have a display.

Poppy Appeal

A variety of items in aid of Remembrance Day are available to purchase, from the junior building. These include pencils, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, wristbands & poppies. If you would like your child to have an item, please let Mrs Hughes know and they can choose something.



Reading

Well done to everybody for a great effort with reading. The majority of the children are remembering to bring their reading books and records into school every day and it is evident that they are reading more at home and enjoying our new set of books.

Food bank donations

A huge thank you to those who have kindly donated items for a local food bank. There is a box in the junior foyer, if anybody would like to add items to it.

Half term

A reminder that we break up for half term on Friday 23rd October and return to school on Monday 2nd November.

School fruit

Infant children no longer need to bring their own snack for break time, as the School fruit & veg. scheme is now up and running again. However, if they prefer to bring something different from home, they can still do so, as long as it is something healthy.